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Security Information

8 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Chairman, CIA Career Service Board
SUBJECT: National Security Medal

1. The attached memorandum for the record (Attachment A) in respect to the National Security Medal sets forth action taken by the Secretary of Defense relative to the two requests made in the Director's letter of 14 March 1953.

2. The Director's request for assistance in securing designs for the National Security Medal has been referred to the Department of the Army which has directed the Office of the Quartermaster General to prepare designs, sketches and models for the approval of this Agency. (Attachment B.)

3. The request that the Secretary of Defense establish precedence of the National Security Medal in relation to military decorations has resulted in a proposal that the National Security Medal be worn immediately following U. S. military decorations and preceding U. S. service medals. The Honor Awards Board has determined that this proposal which is enunciated in the draft directive to the military departments from the Department of Defense (Attachment C) is in consonance with the generally accepted policy of the Armed Services with respect to non-military decorations worn with the uniform.

4. The Honor Awards Board has taken cognizance of the above and other matters at its meeting on 7 April, minutes of which will be forwarded in the near future.


Chairman, CIA Honor Awards Board

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Attachments

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TAB C